Gentile section, implying that that area was not very important as far as worship was concerned. Jesus objected to this division, and quoted *Isaiah* 56:7: "My Temple will be called a house of prayer for the people of *all* nations", that is, not just for Jews. Nevertheless, everyone would have been aware that the cleansing of the Temple was an act of the Messiah (*Malachi* 3:1-3; *Zechariah* 14:21).

In the Temple was a huge offertory-chest with a large trumpet-shaped tube on top down which people loved to clatter their coins. Sometimes rich men would even hire a trumpeter to call attention to their giving. Indicating a poor widow throwing in a small coin, Jesus is saying that religious practice is not all about showing off piety, because God knows what you are really like. Even if you are only able to make a very small act of charity, God knows what you are doing.

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